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SUP sweeps elections

BY NORA MABERRY
ONLINE EDITOR

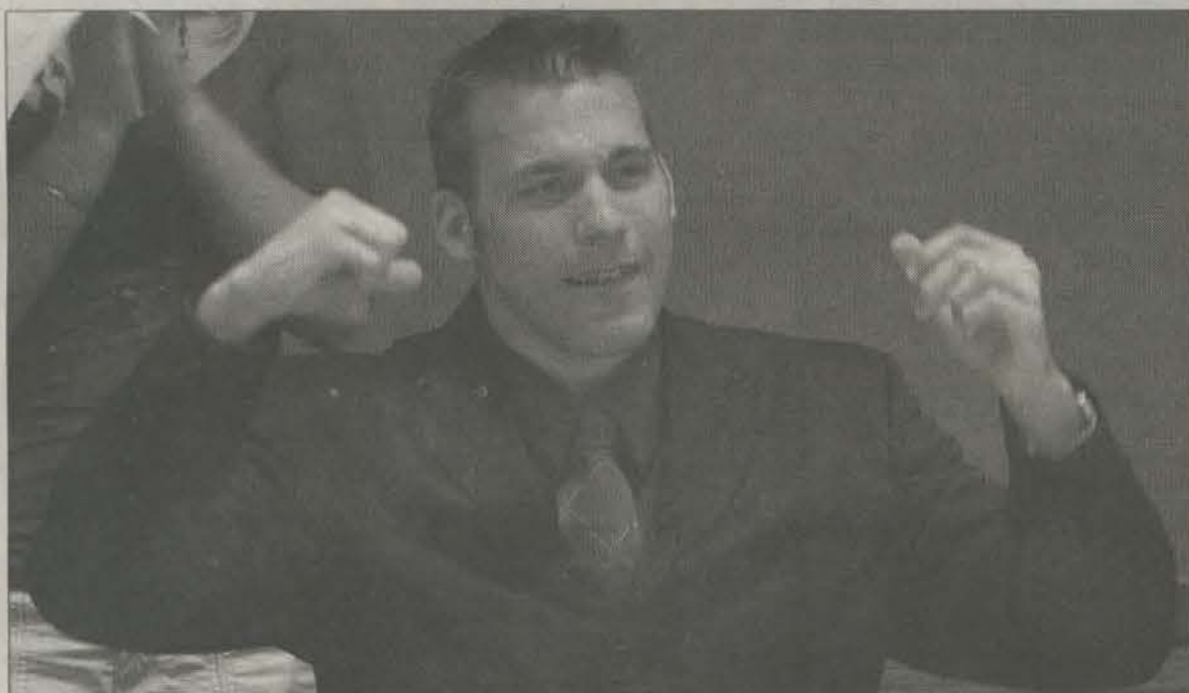
The Student United Party swept the Student Government Elections with 185 votes deciding the office of Student Body President.

Current Speaker of the Student Senate, Sean Anderson, was elected student body president. Anderson campaigned for increased campus safety, increasing school spirit and bringing Coke products to Eastern. During the campaign Anderson promised to "give students what they want," and claimed the biggest issue facing students was parking.

Anderson campaigned against current student vice president for business affairs Jillian Ruddy. Ruddy, a member of the United University Party, received 505 votes.

As results were read Anderson let out a cheer as it became clear that his party swept the elections while United University members sat in silence.

Amanda Raz was elected student executive vice president beating out current student executive vice president Andrew Berger by 102 votes. Berger was elected in the spring of



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Sean Anderson, student body president elect, cheers after hearing the Student Senate election results during the Student Senate meeting Wednesday evening in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. The Student United Party swept the elections by winning all of the 16 positions that were on the ballot.

2005 and is currently the chair of the student action team.

Raz promised to improve parking on campus and work with the state to get more money for the university, in order to ease the financial bur-

den on students.

"I have quite a few emotions running through me right now," said Berger. "I love student government, and I don't know what I'm going to do next year."

Berger went on to tell the newly elected executive board members to continue serving the students and fulfill the promises made during the campaign.

Dave Keyes was elected student

vice president for academic affairs by 186 votes. Keyes ran against current senator Carolyn Beck. Keyes campaign promises included a student-mentoring program to help improve student grades.

Levi Bulgar won over Kenny Kozik by 225 votes for the position of student vice president for business affairs. Both candidates pushed for registered student organization funding during their campaigns.

"We're all running for betterment of students," said Bulgar.

Bulgar said that both parties within student government needed to work together to be a voice for students across campus.

Despite losing the executive board office, Kozik plans to continue working on student government.

"I want to be tuition and fees chair again and make sure everything I said I would do, I get done," Kozik said.

Cole D. Rogers was elected student vice president for student affairs despite being kicked off student senate earlier in the semester.

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JACKSON TRIAL



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Patrick Jackson walks out of the Coles County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon. A status hearing was held Wednesday for Jackson, the man accused of breaking into an Eastern student's apartment at Brittany Ridge on Sept. 14, 2005.

Charges being brought against Jackson include four counts of home invasion (two of which were reduced Nov. 28, 2005), two counts of aggravated battery, one count of battery, one count of aggravated sexual abuse and one count of armed violence. Five counts are Class X felonies, three counts are Class 3 felonies and one count is a Class A misdemeanor.

FACULTY UNION

Negotiations on the horizon

Contract expected to be resolved without much difficulty by August

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eastern's faculty union and administration are getting ready to begin negotiations for a new contract as soon as classes end.

The current faculty contract expires on Aug. 1.

Negotiation dates have not been set but are expected to commence as soon as classes let out for the summer.

Although the sides say they have agreed not to negotiate through the press, both say they are confident a deal can be reached in time.

"Obviously, I can't predict how things will go," said Charles Delman, president of the Eastern chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, the campus' faculty union. "But we very much expect to have this worked out by the time classes are due to start. We want to settle a contract by August."

Eastern President Lou

EASTERN FACULTY PAY STATISTICS	
Percent increase from FY2001 to FY2005:	
Eastern	12.0 percent
Statewide	13.4 percent
Percent of median salary for peers at similar institutions for Eastern faculty:	
Professors	89.4 percent
Assistant professor	93.1 percent
Associate Professor	94.2 percent
Instructor	84.4 percent
Weighted average faculty salary percentile among peer groups:	
Eastern Illinois University	10
University of Illinois	64
Governors State	59
Illinois State	28
Western Illinois	22

Hencken emphasized that he would not go into the details of the negotiations.

"We're optimistic about going in," Hencken said. "... We have a lot of great faculty here."

Delman did cite statistics from the Illinois Board of Higher Education saying Eastern faculty make just 90.1 percent of the median salary for faculty at comparable institutions (as defined by the IBHE).

"The good news is we've made progress (since the current con-

tract was signed in 2001)," Delman said. "The bad news is we are losing ground."

Eastern's faculty were making 91.3 percent of the median comparable group salaries in the fiscal year 2003.

The last contract was agreed to in March of 2003 after a year of tense negotiations.

That spring, the faculty voted in favor of a strike authorization, although the agreement headed off a work stoppage before it began.

Innovative factory searches for a home

■ World's first non-emission plant may create hundreds of jobs in Charleston

By DAVID THILL
SENIOR CITY REPORTER

Coles County could become the home of the world's first zero-emissions power production plant.

The plant is the brainchild of FutureGen, a private-public partnership that is looking at five or six other areas for consideration as the site of the plant, said Angela Griffin, president and CEO of Coles Together, a private economic development organization.

"When you get a plant like this, it brings in other businesses," Griffin said. "It would make a very good synergistic relationship."

Griffin said the development of the power plant proposal and site selection process came about rather quickly. About 15 to 20 communities were called to Springfield to hear the proposal for the plant. Finalist sites were chosen based on geographic compatibility, Griffin said.

The plant's claim of "zero-emissions" is based on a system of coal gasification.

The process converts coal carbon into a gas made up of mostly hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The gas is then stored under ground in deposits of Mt. Simon sandstone,

which holds in the carbon gas plume. It also just so happens that the Charleston/Mattoon area features a large deposit of Mt. Simon sandstone between 5,500 and 8,500 feet below ground, which makes Coles County a good candidate for the plant, Griffin said.

Mt. Simon sandstone is a major sandstone as well as one that is not exposed in Illinois, said Bob Jorstad, professor of geology. If one wishes to find such exposed sandstone, Wisconsin and Michigan are the closest states to feature it, Jorstad said.

The sandstone is permeable, or porous, thus the gas would pass through the rock. On top of that, Mt. Simon sandstone is "fairly thick" sandstone, Jorstad said.

"It could hold a lot of gas, in theory," he said.

Jorstad also said that a level of shales and other non-permeable stones, which sit atop the Mt. Simon sandstone, would hold the gas in.

The technology that would be utilized in the plant currently exists, but has not yet been put into practice at a single plant, FutureGen's Web site said.

"There is going to be testing and commercialization of technology that focuses on clean energy," Griffin said.

The proposed plant would provide enough energy to power more than 150,000 homes, the Web site said. However, a boost in energy is

not the only benefit of the power plant. Several thousand jobs could open up as a result of the plant.

"Jobs are extremely important for the county," said Charleston city planner Scott Smith. "A plant of that size would bring in highly skilled and high-paying jobs."

The plant would also benefit the retail and housing sector, Smith said.

"This would have a tremendous impact," Smith said.

With the closing of Trailmobile nearly 10 years ago, the Charleston/Mattoon area lost several thousand jobs. The proposed plant could put a big bandage on that wound.

"Putting our people back to work would be the big boom to Charleston and Mattoon," Smith said. "That would put a lot of people to work for a long time."

Speaker to dispel campus myths

By CHELSEY HANSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Myths and stories are part of every culture including college campuses, but are they all true? Maybe.

Eastern Dean of Honors College and English Professor Bonnie Irwin will talk to students tonight about those myths, how they work, and why they work.

College students abide by the 10-minute rule, where they are allowed to leave the classroom, if the teacher does not show up before 10 minutes.

"I think that it is a fair rule, but teachers should notify the students if they're not going to be in class," said Christine Paulin, a sophomore marketing major.

The 10-minute rule is not a rule at all at Eastern, although most students think it is, Irwin said.

"I think a lot of people follow it as a rule because they think it is a rule,"

Irwin said. "But I don't know any college campus that has such a rule, but most college students on most college campuses think there is one."

She said that some college campuses have a variation of the rule. Some schools say to wait 20 minutes if it is a full professor, 15 minutes for an associate professor and anyone else 10 minutes.

"I think we should have a written rule or at least one in the teacher's syllabus," said Amanda Renn, a sophomore psychology major.

Irwin said that students tend to tell stories about classes and professors, and she plans to give some examples of these stories. Irwin will also talk about traditions among college campuses.

The EIU Uncovered lecture series "What about the 10-minute rule? Folklore on College Campuses" will be held in the University Ballroom tonight at 8 p.m.

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University Board Presents...



EIU Uncovered:
Dr. Bonnie Irwin
"What about the 10 minute rule?
Folklore on College Campuses"

Thursday, April 20th
8pm in the University Ballroom

University Board Open Coordinator Positions

*Interviews on April 25th:
Mainstage
Marketing


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Leadership Experience

Applications available in the Student Activities Center
For more information call 581-5522

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CAMPUS

A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

Lemonade stand raises charity cash

Jeffrey Snell of the Business Department made a \$100 contribution to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation today.

The charity event, which was sponsored by Carman Hall, had students volunteer to work the stands throughout the day.

All proceeds went to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for pediatric cancer research.

Working the stand on the South Quad were members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

One member of the fraternity, Brian Ayock, said "Business has been going good so far, and we've made a nice profit. Some students have stopped by just to donate money without even buying any lemonade."

— by Taylor Frauley
DEN correspondent

Special Olympics return to Eastern

The Special Olympics East Central Illinois Spring Games are coming to Eastern.

489 athletes will take part in the event, said Kimberly Abell, area director for the Special Olympics. Opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. on Friday with athletic events starting at 10 a.m. and concluding around 3 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium.

Athletes from Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Douglas, Effingham, Edgar, Jasper, Christian, Clay, Richland and Lawrence counties will participate in the event.

Athletes will compete in various track and field events including long jump, shot put, high jump and fifty, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 meter runs. Wheelchair athletes will compete in the 400 and 800 meter wheelchair competitions and assisted races, said Abell. Athletes are put in divisions according to ability level.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Textbook Rental Service Sidewalk Sale

The Textbook Rental Service will be selling used textbooks all this week.

All Day | Outside Textbook Rental

Classroom equipment orientation

Document camera, Starboard and SmartBoard training. Free to faculty, staff and graduate assistants.

1 p.m. | 1205 McAfee

Open Mic Night

Open to performers of all types from around campus. Two dollars per person.

7 p.m. | Newman Catholic Center

SIUE Jazz Ensemble, w/Special Guest Vocalist

Featuring guest vocalist Stephen Futrell and faculty jazz pianist Paul Johnston

7:30 p.m. | Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

"What About The 10-Minute Rule?" Folklore on College Campuses

An overview of the types of folklore that are prevalent on college campuses.

8 p.m. | University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

25 years ago — Eastern was set to see its state funding cut by four percent under a plan proposed this day by Gov. Jim Thompson.

10 years ago — The Eastern softball team swept a home doubleheader from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Last year — Jeff Cooley, current vice president for business affairs, interviewed for the position. Cooley said communication was a key issue he saw in the position.

\$ STUDENT DINING DOLLARS: USE 'EM OR LOSE 'EM

By CATHY BAYER
SENIOR CAMPUS REPORTER

If any of Kevin Brocius' friends need money, he's got them covered. With less than three weeks left in the semester, Brocius has just more than 150 dining dollars left on his student account.

The freshman accounting major rarely went to the Union to dine last semester, so he came into the spring semester with 100 additional dining dollars.

"I just haven't had time to use them," he said.

Eastern's meal plan includes both meal swipes and dining dollars. Meal swipes start over each week, while dining dollars last all semester. Any unused dining dollars from the fall semester roll over to spring. But unused dining dollars from the spring do not roll over.

Dining dollars only roll over from fall to spring because it is the same academic year and budget, said Jody Horn, director of University Dining.

Eastern used to offer a meal plan that just had swipes, Horn said. The plan was upgraded to include a bonus swipe.

"Eventually we split the meal plans into swipes and dining dollars," she said.

The dining dollars allow flexibility because meal swipes can only be used in the dining centers. Dining dollars can be used in residence hall dining centers, university food court, convenience stores and Java Beanery and Bakery, Horn said.

Students can also pay for guests with their dining dollars, adding to the flexibility of the plan, she said.

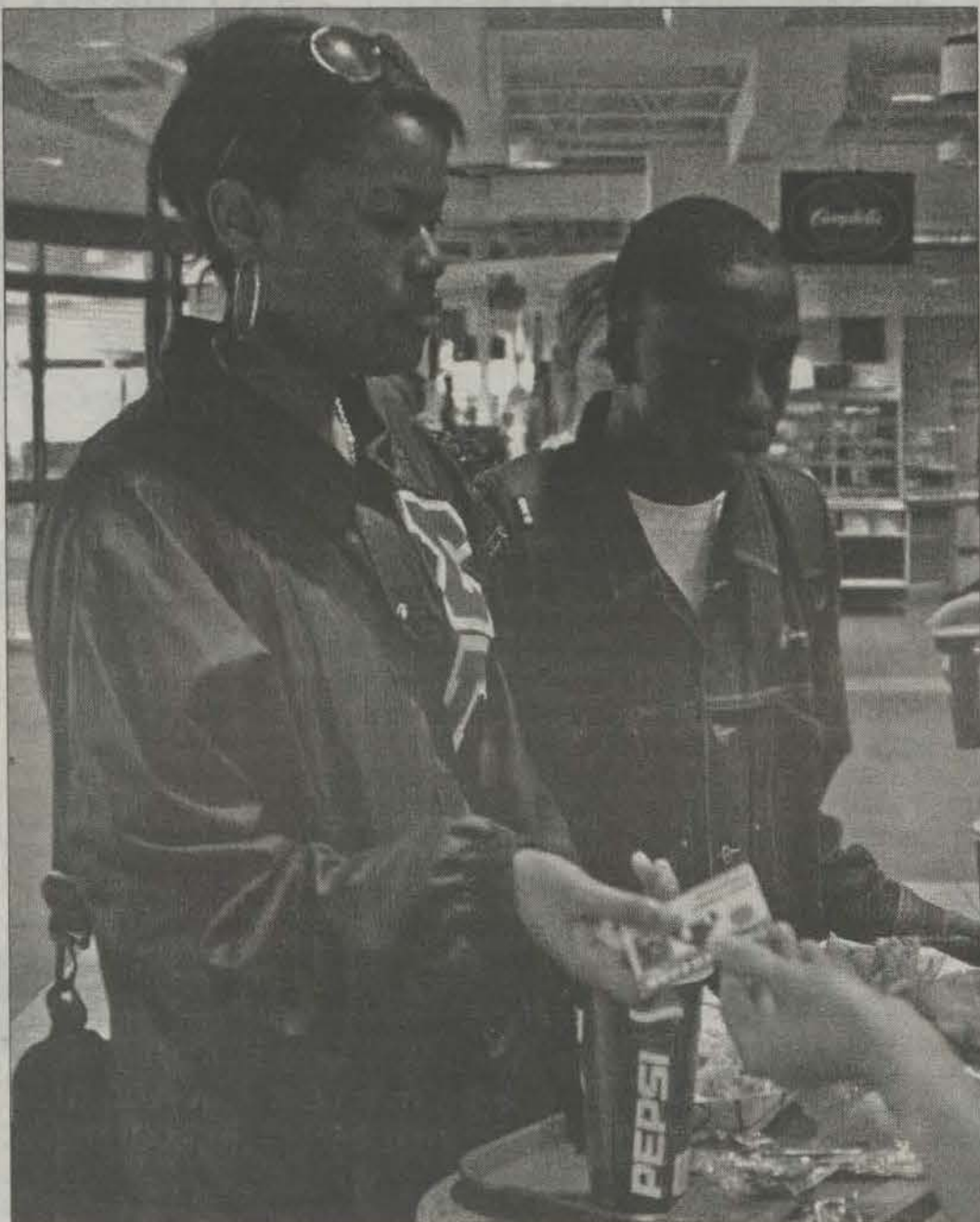
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has a different plan. Students sign up for a meal plan, choosing between \$1,250 or \$1,730 for the semester. SIUE has a 60-40 meal plan, meaning 60 percent of that covers the operation cost of dining services, including cost of labor, supplies, maintenance and utilities. The other 40 percent goes towards the actual retail cost of the food.

SIUE already pulls 60 percent off the cost, said Christy McDougal, accountant for SIUE dining. For example, if a student wants a hamburger that costs \$5, that student will only pay \$2, she said.

On top of that, whatever money is not used at the end of the school year is reimbursed to the student.

"It's kind of the best of both worlds," McDougal said.

It seems, for the most part,



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Bianca Robertson, senior sociology major, uses the dining dollars on her panther card to pay for her lunch in the food court of the Martin Luther King Jr. student union Monday.

Meal plan for fall 2006

- * 7 PLUS PLAN = 7 Dining Meals Each Week plus \$200 Dining Dollars
- * 10 PLUS PLAN = 10 Dining Meals Each Week plus \$60 Dining Dollars
- * 12 PLUS PLAN = 12 Dining Meals Each Week plus \$100 Dining Dollars
- * 15 PLUS PLAN = 15 Dining Meals Each Week plus \$140 Dining Dollars

that students like the program, she said.

Western Illinois University in Macomb has a choice of three dining plans, but no fixed meal plan with swipes, said Jack Schoonover, Western's director of residential administration.

Each student purchases a meal plan. They pay a charge called "board." Approximately 50 percent of the board charge is taken off the top cost to pay for fixed costs, like salaries, dining furniture, equipment and utilities. The remaining money is for the student to use for food.

At the end of the year, students can request a refund check for the leftover money on their account.

If a student has a fee or bill that needs to be paid before the end of the year, the money left over on their card can go toward paying that balance, Schoonover said.

Western students have a different plan for vending

machines and laundry facilities.

Eastern does not have a refundable plan. For that to happen, meal plans would have to be more retail-based, Horn said.

"Our plans are based on the fact that we have somewhat of a missed meal factor," she said.

That serves as a cushion, Horn said.

"We know not everyone eats everything," she said. "We are able to offer a lot of choices and variety because we know we have some padding. If we refunded everything that wasn't specifically used, we would be much more limited (with food selection)."

If that were the case, dining services would have to charge more for everything offered, she said.

Still, using all extra dining dollars is sometimes a problem for students.

A few weeks ago, a female student came into the Thomas Convenience Store with more

than \$200 dining dollars, said Kelly Dalfino, a sophomore psychology major and Thomas Convenience store worker.

The student literally bought a few of everything, and still had \$73 left over, Dalfino said.

Most people know they have lots of dining dollars left by this point, said Alyson Schroeder, a junior elementary education major and Taylor Dining Services employee.

Schroeder recommends treating friends to dinner to get rid of dining dollars without wasting them.

She also said to not eat in the dining centers to use up dining dollars, especially if students already have a meal plan.

Horn recommends shopping at the convenience stores or food court and stocking up on food to take home, like a soft drink case.

"You could also purchase gift certificates for one of your friends who is graduating," Horn said.

OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

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EDITORIAL

UB crashes with Emerson Drive

Lackluster concert interest merits change

The University Board Spring Concert Friday is scheduled to feature country act Emerson Drive. As of Monday, 130 tickets had been sold.

CeCi Brinker, the director of Student Life at Eastern said, "They'll put on a good show." Eastern's student body obviously disagrees.

In addition to Emerson Drive, the UB is hosting X-treme Spring Fling. This event will include games, food, giveaways and a traveling sky-diving simulator. It is costing Eastern students about \$2,000, and is also funded by the student activity fee.

UB should pool their funds and bring in fewer acts that students want to see, rather than spending so much money on events that the student body does not attend.

The UB spends tens of thousands of dollars each year to bring events to campus. This school year alone they have spent \$22,465 on lectures, \$19,444 on movies, \$17,650 on comedy acts and \$26,820 on cultural events.

They have a concert budget of at least \$60,645, since all 12,129 students must pay a \$5 concert fee as part of their student fees, which according to Brinker is used to subsidize the concerts brought to campus.

The events UB funds are not heavily attended, though they are paid for by the student activity fee.

Western Illinois University, which has a student population of just 1,275 more than Eastern, had their spring concert on April 18, featuring Motion City Soundtrack and sponsored by MTV. According to Brinker, Eastern tried to get the group, but it just wasn't feasible considering the set up of Lantz arena.

"We take gymnasiums which are outdated and we do everything in house," said Brinker. "We do a pretty good job considering the logistics."

The University Board *does* do well putting on the shows considering their lighting and sound limitations.

However, where they fall short is in bringing in acts that students want to see.

Eastern's University Board chooses to bring in bands like Emerson Drive, Guster and Howie Day, none of which the student body seemed particularly excited to see. Bands such as Ted Nugent, Counting Crows and Blind Melon have rocked Lantz Arena and sold many tickets in the past.

Perhaps if the University Board would plan one concert a year they could afford bigger acts that students actually want to see.

Instead of spending thousands of dollars on comedians, lecturers and concerts few students are interested in, the University Board should try to sponsor events that have a low cost and would entertain students.

The University program board at Illinois State University sponsors events like free bowling, billiards, pizza and karaoke.

ISU has a student population of 20,419, and, by extension, more money from their student activity fees.

But the Eastern Board could easily have free bowling and karaoke in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Considering how popular karaoke is at local bars, it would probably be highly attended.

In March, the Apportionment Board approved a \$244,325 budget for FY07 for the UB.

The University Board should make sure they are spending all \$244,325 in the students' best interest and providing them with events that they want to attend instead using their money for concerts, lectures and movies that have no audiences.

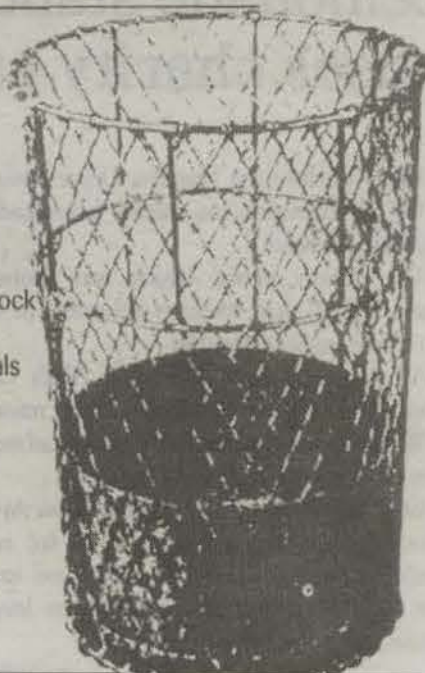
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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY HOLLY HENSCHEN

UB Concert Candidates

-circle the ones you'd most like to see!

Kris Kross	MySpace Music All-Stars Tour	Menudo
Crazy Town	The 'People Who Want to Start Bands' EIU Facebook Group Ensemble	Kevin Fetterline and Nick Lachey
Billy Ray Cyrus		New Kids on the Block
OMC		Fine Young Cannibals
Ugly Kid Joe	The Bay City Rollers	Aqua
Limp Bizkit	Wang Chung	Rico Suave
Right Said Fred	You Gussed it... Frank Stallone	Patrick Swayze and Joey Lawrence
Seven Mary Three	Guys Who Sound Vaguely like Pearl Jam	Hanson
Yanni		



COMMENTARY

Vandalism is expression wasted

Bush=Scum.

This epithet, written in sky-blue chalk has marked the northeast doorway of Coleman Hall for weeks.

No matter how I may agree with the sentiment, it alarms me. Though rules on chalking have been inconsistently enforced on Eastern's campus, it's also up to students' discretion to find a proper outlet for their messages. Misplaced communication goes to waste.

After last January's State of the Union address, a group of students took their message to Eastern's sidewalks, chalking 'Bush Lies' before the UPD intervened and warned them not to repeat the action. The 'evidence' was quickly removed.

Since, there have been advertisements for campus meetings and student senate campus scrawled along the ground. These messages are intended to inform or perhaps advertise. But writing obviously inflammatory messages on an academic building is a far cry from effective communication.

I'm not against freedom of speech. It's actually my favorite freedom. It gives us the right to say whatever we want, as long as it's not about killing the president.

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn is working to introduce legislation that would require people who speak "fighting words" to keep 500 yards from funerals.



HOLLY HENSCHEN
OPINIONS EDITOR

"I'm not against freedom of speech. It's actually my favorite freedom."

The proposed law was inspired by a religious group who attends funerals of veterans of the Iraq War to shout about how they deserved to die.

While I don't condone this sort of behavior, the basis of all American law is based on protecting the freedom of speech. Much speech, however, is unwarranted and ill-communicated. Shouting at the bereaved is disrespectful and a waste of energy. There's little chance to win anyone over to your way of thinking by shocking or offending them.

One of my favorite spots on campus has recently been desecrated in a sophomoric manner. On the second floor of Booth Library, a string of pencil scribbles has appeared along the wall of the west side of the lounge area.

'Fall 2005,' 'Pam + Tim + Jess was HERE!' and 'Get Back to Studying' have been graffitied onto a virtually new building.

A little bit of vandalism goes a long way. A 1982 article Atlantic Monthly by James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling read:

"Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may even break into the building, and if it's unoccupied, perhaps become squatters or light fires inside."

Vandalism is commonly found in impoverished and crime-ridden areas, as a form of expression for those who have no other outlet.

If students can't find a suitable form of communication other than petty vandalism on this campus or in this society, they're not looking hard enough.

Students hopefully attend college to become effective citizens, which entails effective communication. You can say what you want to, even if you're not serious, but how much breath can you spare?

Henschen, a graduate student in international relations, can be reached at DENopinions@gmail.com.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRADE APPEAL PROCESS FLAWED

I believe it to be in the professor's best interest to help their students succeed through means of guidance and teaching. But some professors have missed that concept completely.

After a dispute with a professor regarding a grade that took up a significant portion of our final grade, I decided to take it to the next level, a grade appeal. The grade appeal committee came to the conclusion that the professors' grading methods were flawed and recommended that he change my final

grade, along with several other students who also appealed.

To my shock and dismay, there is no clause in the appeals process that states a professor must change the grade after the student wins the appeal. What is the point of winning an appeal and going through the entire process, when nothing will come of it in the end?

To add insult to injury, once the grade appeal was concluded, I found that the professor has decided to further decrease my grade through the means of a 'new grading scale.'

How can a professor, once a semester is completed, change his grading scale to further punish a student who appealed a grade? Before deciding to appeal, a wise friend of mine told me not to challenge the system, that I would only make the situation worse. I guess I should have listened to him.

Who could have thought that by appealing for a higher, more justified grade, would in the end, receive a lower grade?

TALIA SAWYER
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ELECTIONS:

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Rogers beat out Austen Williams. Rogers won by 303 votes. During the campaign, Rogers promised to be a mediator between students and the administration while finding a way to fund student organizations.

The Student United Party won all 11 of the senate seats that were up for election.

After the election results were announced, senate took a five-minute recess. Student United Party members stayed in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to celebrate while United University party members went out in to the hallway to collect themselves.

After the break, Senator Ken Ohms was elected speaker of the student senate over Jeffery Melanson, by a vote of 22-4. Ohms will replace Anderson as speaker of the senate.

Ohms promised to have an open door policy with senate members, have more contact with committee chairs, work on senator development and better relations with *The Daily Eastern News*.

"Speaker is a managerial position," said Cole Rogers. "(Ohms) has experience on senate and with many things around campus."

Following the emotional election results, student senate held their senate goodbyes.



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Jillian Ruddy, vice president for business affairs, consoles Student Body President Ryan Berger during one of the senate goodbyes at the Student Senate meeting. Berger received many congratulations for performing well during his term and for all the improvements he made to the senate and to campus.

During senate goodbyes, current student body president Ryan Berger told the newly elected executive board, "If you leave the position without doing what you said you were going to do, you got that spot in vain."

Only 1,242 students voted in the election of 11,414 students. Candidates have one week to file any election grievances with Ceci Brinker,

the director of student life.

Before the student election results were announced, Ryan Berger gave his final state of the university address.

In his address, Berger reminded the senate what he believed their role on campus was.

"Some members of the Student Senate believe that if you don't stand up to the administration then you don't stand up for the students, this

ideology is false," Berger said.

Berger went on to remind Student Senate of their responsibility to fulfill their promises.

"Student Government has pinpointed what needs to be solved on this campus," Berger said.

"If we say something long enough and nothing happens, students will stop caring, stop voting, and student government will lose its legitimacy."

The Student Senate passed three resolutions, approving the revised by-laws for the apportionment board, the student action team and approving \$231 for inauguration funds.

Student Government approved Alpha Tau Omega and the English Graduate Student Organization as registered student organizations on campus but did not approve Alien8 as an RSO citing clarity issues in the groups mission statement.

Student Government also passed a resolution supporting a petition letter created by the EIU College Democrats calling for the extension of hours in Booth Library and Gregg Computer lab.

Student Senate member Ben Marcy who submitted the bill said the petition would mean student government would look into the issue.

"It's about giving academic opportunity to students," Marcy said.

Student Senate member Mark Bates was concerned with how the proposed extended hours would be funded.

"You don't have to hire one librarian to work six hours, you have to hire six," Bates said.

The Student Senate will meet over the summer to work on various projects and to plan First Night.

Eric Hiltner contributed to this report.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Four of the jurors who convicted former Gov. George Ryan on corruption charges failed to mention their past involvement in court cases, documents unsealed Wednesday show.

Three of the jurors had arrest records and the forewoman had filed for divorce, but none of them indicated their involvement in the justice system when they filled out questionnaires during jury selection, the court documents show.

Defense attorneys had urged U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer to drop jurors whose answers were not factual. Their requests that she dismiss jury forewoman Sonja Y. Chambers continued until a few minutes before the verdict was read Monday, according to the unsealed documents.

The defense is all but guaranteed to bring up the issue when it asks for a new trial or appeal.

U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald issued a statement following the release of the documents saying the "jury provided a fair and just trial to all the parties in this case."

Ryan, 72, and businessman Larry Warner, 67, were convicted of racketeering, fraud and other offenses and are due for sentencing Aug. 4. They maintain they did nothing illegal. Attorneys for both Ryan and Warner said Wednesday that they would let the newly released documents speak for themselves.

Pallmeyer replaced two jurors after two weeks of deliberations, forcing the panel to start over, because they failed to note on their questionnaires that they had been charged with crimes. Defense attorneys said she denied a defense motion to dismiss any other jurors.

The questionnaire asked prospective jurors whether they or any close friend or relative had ever been charged with or accused of a crime.

Chambers checked the "no" box. But as the Chicago Sun-Times first reported, Will County Circuit Court records show that the Bolingbrook woman sued her former husband for divorce there in 2004.

Unsealed documents show that juror Kevin Rein was charged in May 1980 with battery. A police report said he hit his sister, but the charges were dropped after the sister refused to go ahead with her complaint. Juror Raul Casino faced a drunken driving charge in 1962, the documents showed. There was no indication of the outcome of the case.

Alternate Charles Svymbersky, who joined the jury after the two other jurors were dismissed, was charged in Peoria County in 1983 with buying a stolen bicycle, according to the documents. The theft case was later dismissed.

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Chinese poet exiled for works to visit Eastern

BY CHRISTIAN MORENO
STAFF REPORTER

Chinese poet Bei Dao was exiled from China because of his poetry. He will do a reading of the same poetry today on campus.

Dao, who has been recognized as a potential nominee for the Nobel Prize in literature, is most recognized for his work promoting democracy in China.

"(Dao) was an important figure in the pro-democracy movement of the late 1970s, and his poetry was an inspiration to the students who took part in the Tianamen uprising of June 4, 1989," said Eastern English professor John Martone.

The Chinese government blamed Dao for the students taking over Tiananmen Square in 1989 because the students involved in the

uprising were chanting his poems.

Dao was born in Beijing Aug. 2, 1949, the year that the Republic of China was formed. He founded the School of Mist, a group of Chinese poets that criticize the limits of freedom in the Chinese communist revolution.

Dao is an important figure of the current human rights movement and was an important figure of the pro-democracy movement in China, Martone said.

He has been living in America in exile since 1990,

and is currently teaching at Notre Dame.

Eastern is starting an Asian studies minor and hopes to increase interest in Asian studies with Dao reading poetry, Martone said. He added it was important because one-fourth of the world's population lives in China and it is currently becoming a superpower.

"We discussed his poem 'Answers' in my classes today. If you didn't know he wrote it in 1976, you might think he had written it today," Martone said. "The poem deals with 'speaking truth to

Biography

Bei Dao, Chinese poet

◆ Born in Beijing in 1949, the year the Republic of China was formed

◆ Poetry influenced students in Tianamen uprising in the 1970s

◆ Was considered for nomination for the Nobel Prize in literature



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CHINESE POET

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- 1 Places to do-si-do
- 5 With 66-Across, one way to think (with a hint to this puzzle's theme)
- 11 Decline of the West?
- 13 Mason jar use
- 15 Happens to, old-style
- 17 Any "Star Wars" film
- 18 Prefix with polar
- 19 Bisector
- 21 Encourage
- 23 Drift (about)
- 25 Dish eaten with a spork
- 26 "Good" cholesterol inits.

- 27 Daily regimen
- 28 In
- 30 Mommy's triplets?
- 32 Losers
- 34 One on the links
- 37 Home of Nascar's Talladega Superspeedway: Abbr.
- 39 Brightness units, for short?
- 40 ___ Pepper
- 41 Don who won the 1962 Cy Young award
- 44 Above 13, briefly
- 46 Satisfy
- 48 ___ room (dorm facility)

- 51 Some houses are built on it
- 53 ___-Blo (brand of fuse)
- 54 Henry James novel set in New York City
- 55 Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
- 57 Tender
- 59 Pokey
- 60 Turns in
- 62 Husbandry
- 64 At hand
- 65 "Get real!"
- 66 See 5-Across

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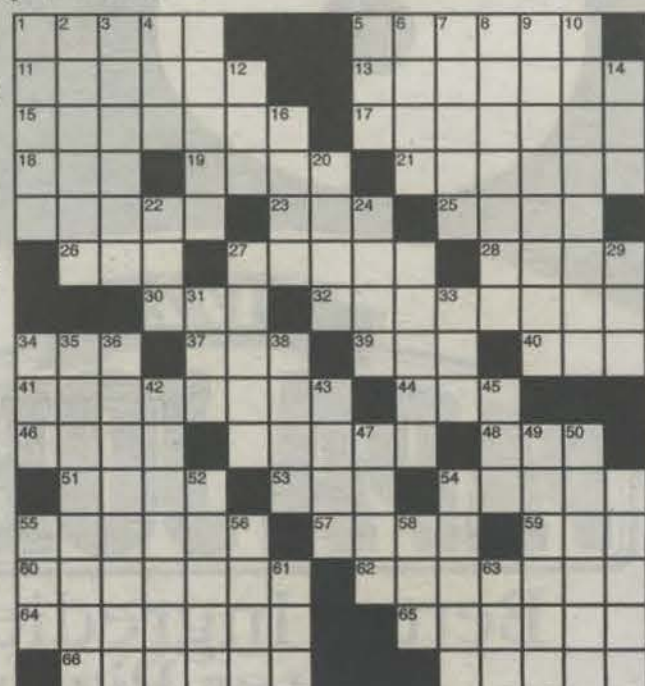
- 2 Slake
- 3 Loose
- 4 Walt Whitman's "___ Watch'd the Ploughman Ploughing"
- 5 Something to slip on
- 6 Isn't vigilant
- 7 Impertinent ones
- 8 Parochial
- 9 3-D representations
- 10 Funding, as a chair

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Edited by Will Shortz

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Puzzle by John Farmer

- 12 ___ Avery of Looney Tunes
- 14 ___-Y (modern youth)
- 16 ___ in a chat room
- 20 Detective writer Paretsky
- 22 Jacobs Field's home, on scoreboards
- 24 Poor boy provider
- 29 Summer observance: Abbr.
- 31 Harebrained
- 33 Kyrgyzstan city
- 34 Fleet leader: Abbr.
- 35 It's seen in the first or last quarter
- 36 Pirate feature
- 38 Charity
- 42 Unfruitful
- 43 Catch in pots
- 45 Italian monk
- 47 You may hit it when you're angry
- 49 Spots
- 50 ___ Blanc, popular wine grape
- 52 Faux chocolate
- 55 Hindu honorific
- 56 Kiss, in a Paul Anka song
- 58 Battle of Britain fliers: Abbr.
- 61 Make more alluring, with "up"
- 63 1974 John Wayne movie



Junior shortstop Adam Varrassi starts a double play during Eastern's game against Southern Illinois Wednesday at Coaches Stadium. Eastern's bullpen allowed four late runs in a 4-3 loss.

BULLPEN:

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Middle of order struggles against SIUC

Eastern managed only one hit in the first two innings, but capitalized on the Salukis' mistakes and took a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers' ability to manufacture runs was key in taking an early advantage.

Casey Spears led off the second inning with a walk and stole second and third base. A wild pitch from SIU starter Jordan Garner scored Spears from third, giving the Panthers a run without a hit.

"We're doing a good job of manufacturing runs," Schmitz

said. While Eastern (19-15) continues to manufacture runs, its power hitters have struggled at the plate.

The Panthers 3-4-5 hitters of Ryan Campbell, Keiji Szalo and Erik Huber went a combined 2-for-10 with no RBI.

"We're not getting a lot of production from our power hitters," Schmitz said. "One day they're going to come to practice and learn to hit."

"They either got to wake up

and do it, or we're not gonna do well in the OVC."

One of the positives for the Panthers was another strong outing from No. 3 starter Kenny Firlit.

He pitched two innings, giving up two hits and no runs.

The Panthers will hit the road this weekend for a pivotal Ohio Valley Conference game against first-place Samford.

Samford leads Eastern by three games in the OVC standings.

BASEBALL
SIUC 4, EASTERN 3

SIUC	ab	r	h	rbi
Koike,cf	5	0	2	1
Elmerdorf,s	5	0	1	0
Garnier,rf	5	0	1	0
Alvarez,1b	4	0	2	0
Enata,1b	0	0	0	0
Cademartori,lf	3	0	0	0
Brewer,3b	4	2	3	1
Mauger,2b	2	1	1	0
Linton,ss	0	0	0	0
Hamgan,c	3	0	1	1
Emrick,dh	3	1	1	1
TOTALS	34	4	12	4

EASTERN	ab	r	h	rbi
Nommensen,cf	4	0	1	0
Chagnon,lf	2	1	1	0
Huber,1b	4	0	0	0
Campbell,3b	4	1	1	0
Szalo,dh	3	0	1	0
Stone,ph	1	0	0	0
Spears,rf	3	1	1	0
Cobb,c	1	0	0	1
Focph	1	0	0	0
Meyer,2b	4	0	1	0
Varrassi,ss	4	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	3	6	1

E: Brewer; Catto; HUBER LOB: SIUC 8, EIU 6.

2B: Emrick. HR: Brewer.

HBP: Cademartori. SF: COBB. SB: Alvarez; NOM-

MENSEN; SPEARS 2

SIUC 000 000 220 4 12 2

EASTERN 110 001 000 3 6 1

SIUC	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Garner, J	2.0	1	2	1	1	1
Catto	2.0	0	0	0	1	1
Garner, S	0.1	1	0	0	1	1
Weber	0.2	0	0	0	1	1
Welch	0.1	3	1	1	0	0
Snyder(W,5-1)	1.2	1	0	0	0	0
Wells	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Adams(S,2)	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTERN	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Firlit	2.0	2	0	0	0	1
Guttench	2.0	2	0	0	0	3
Wade	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Huber	1.2	3	2	2	0	1
Morris	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
Vaculik (L,4-6)	1.1	4	2	1	0	2
Parsons	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

PANTHER BRIEFS

Men's basketball signs guard

Head coach Mike Miller announced the signing of shooting guard Romain Martin from Minneapolis North High School in Minneapolis Wednesday.

Martin averaged close to 19 points per game last year and shot 86 percent from the free throw line and 42 percent from behind the arc.

"In losing (Josh) Gomes, this is certainly an area we needed to work on," said Miller about filling the need of a shooting guard.

Miller said the 6-foot-3, 190-pound guard has proven he can score and will have the chance to compete for the fifth start-

ing position next season.

"We've been after him for quite a while," Miller said about the recruiting process with Martin, who was named third-team all state his senior year.

Eastern takes 6th in OVC tourney

The women's golf team finished sixth of eight teams in the conference championship Wednesday.

Freshman Carrie Riordan had the highest finish among any Panther, placing 14th at 20-over par with a three-day score of 236.

CORRENTI:

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Support needed from heart of order

After Wednesday's loss, Schmitz lamented that he has "nine singles hitters" up and down his lineup.

By the tone of his voice, he was hoping one of his 3-5 hitters would produce more home runs and knock in hitters like No.1 and 2 hitters Brett

Nommensen and Mark Chagnon.

So far, it hasn't happened.

And with the slump Cobb has been in and the lack of power in the middle of the lineup, who's to tell if it will ever happen.

Marc Correnti is a junior journalism major. If you think he has been in a recent slump, tell him at EIU3583@yahoo.com.

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WIRTZ:

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Senior Jill Wirtz set a good example for her teammates during her years playing tennis

"John looked to me to be a leader and set a good example," Wirtz said. "I always tried to give my best effort in practice and keep a positive attitude to try and set a good example."

Setting a good example was not the only thing Wirtz did to help the Panthers.

Half of this year's women's team was not part of the team during the 2004-05 season.

With the new additions, Blackburn looked to his new captain to assist him in bringing the incoming and returning players together as one.

"Jill did a great job of getting the team to gel and mixing the old players with the new," Blackburn said.

Wirtz was not only a great leader for the Panthers away from the court; she was successful on the court as well.

Playing in individual tournaments during the fall season, Wirtz finished third in C-flight singles play at the Evansville Fall Classic.

Even more impressive, Blackburn said, was her first place finish in B-flight doubles with her partner, freshman Natalie Martin.

Martin's season was cut short because of an elbow injury, but Wirtz rolled with the challenge, continuing her successful play in the spring season with her previous doubles partner, junior Madina Mambetova.

Wirtz and Mambetova went 9-7 together at No. 1 doubles.

"Madina and I help each other out on the court," Wirtz said. "She sets me up so well at the net that it makes my job easier to finish the point."

Mambetova appreciates the style Wirtz has on the court.

"She is very funny and sarcastic, always joking around," Mambetova explained. "She can get very competitive, and she always tries to pump up everyone around her."

"We have a lot of chemistry together."

The experience Wirtz gained through three years of college tennis proved to be a valuable asset for Blackburn at No. 1 doubles.

"Jill's experience and court knowledge allowed me to move our best player (sophomore Sandra Sasidharan) down to No. 2 doubles," Blackburn explained. "That is a luxury that not a lot of teams have."

The fall season is where individual competition is stressed but the spring season is all about team play and trying to make it to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Nashville.

While the women did not reach that goal this season finishing 2-8 in the OVC, good for ninth place, Wirtz performed consistently at her No. 4 singles position in addition to

her No. 1 doubles spot.

Wirtz went 9-11 in singles in her final spring season, including a four match-winning streak early in the season.

"We are going to miss her tremendously," Blackburn said. "Without her this could have been a really, really difficult year for me and the team."

With the tennis season now over, Wirtz is looking forward to next fall and starting her student teaching requirement as part of her elementary education major.

Wirtz also plans to help with her high school team, Mother McAuley in Chicago, while she student teaches.

What Wirtz has learned and displayed on the court should help her in the classroom as well.

"I've learned a lot this year about never giving up and always keeping a positive attitude," Wirtz said.

As Wirtz moves on in life, her teammates, and in particular her doubles partner, are going to miss her.

"We have spent so many years together and as long as I have been here Jill has been right there too," Mambetova said. "I am going to have to get used to her not being there during practice, when we travel everywhere. It is going to be weird."

She is such an amazing girl, leader and teammate. Everyone is going to miss her."

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	MEN'S GOLF AT OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS	ALL DAY
SUNDAY	SOFTBALL VS. TENNESSEE TECH	12 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Jill Wirtz was the only senior on either the men's or women's tennis team this season. Her 6-0, 6-0 win against Tennessee State Saturday brings her career to...

THE END

BY JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

The motto for the Eastern women's tennis team was emblazoned on the back of T-shirts that all the players wore before its final match of the season last week.

It was a motto that perfectly describes senior Jill Wirtz. 'So Tough.'

Being the only senior on either the men's or women's tennis teams, having everyone looking to her to be a leader, should have been more than enough pressure for Wirtz. But combine that with having a first-year head coach, and the pressure should have

been unbearable.

Luckily for that first-year head coach, John Blackburn, Wirtz was able to step in and be the strong presence that he desperately needed.

"When I first came here I didn't have a single expectation for anyone," Blackburn said. "But I saw right away that Jill had great leadership potential in addition to her outstanding athletic ability."

Prior to the start of the fall season, Blackburn named Wirtz captain and she embodied that position the entire year.

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Senior Jill Wirtz waits for a serve with doubles partner, junior Madina Mambetova, during an April 11 match against Chicago State at Darling Courts. Wirtz finished her Eastern career Saturday with a 6-0, 6-0 win against Tennessee State. She finished the 2006 season with a 9-11 record.

BASEBALL

Bullpen can't close door against Southern Illinois

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

The eighth inning started out smooth enough for Eastern.

Junior closer Chris Vaculik struck out the first Southern Illinois batter and got the second to fly out.

The third batter wasn't the charm as Matt Brewer drilled a fast ball over the left field fence to tie the game 3-3.

Things got worse for Vaculik and the Panthers from there.

Bret Maugeri singled and later advanced to third on a failed pickoff throw from Vaculik.

Southern Illinois catcher Hunter Harrigan made the Panthers pay for their mistake as he connected on an RBI single and a 4-3 victory Wednesday at Coaches Stadium.

Vaculik tried to jam Brewer with off-speed pitches early in the bat, but got greedy by trying to strike him out with a fast ball.

"Chris didn't locate it in far enough," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "He left it over the middle and you saw the results."

More gnawing to Schmitz was that Vaculik lost his composure and surrendered the winning run. Schmitz said his closer must maintain focus if he is to keep his job.

"Instead of settling down, he gives up two hits and the lead," Schmitz said. "It's a lack of focus that really bugs me."

Brewer said he wasn't looking for a fast ball and was surprised that Vaculik (4-6) threw one after he had thrown him consecutive off-speed pitches.

There was also a question whether Brewer's home run would be fair. But the ball wrapped around the foul pole, crushing the Panthers in the process.

"It felt pretty good off the bat," Brewer said. "I was just wondering if it would stay fair or not. I got lucky."

Brewer also said that he was looking for an inside pitch, especially after he saw the Panthers trying to work him away.

"He paid for it," Brewer said of Vaculik throwing him an inside fast ball.

SEE BULLPEN PAGE 10

Cobb's bat has to return

When you're in a slump like Eastern catcher Jason Cobb, every ball you hit finds someone.

It happened to Cobb in the bottom of the sixth inning in Wednesday's 4-3 loss to Southern Illinois.

With the bases loaded, Cobb hit a sinking fly ball that was caught by Panther-killer Matt Brewer.

Even though a run scored on the sacrifice fly, the potential for a big inning was there and the Panthers failed to execute — scoring only one run.

"We've been after him most this season," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "And he hasn't made any adjustments to his swing."

Cobb came into the season with a .308 career average in his two years in Charleston, and you figure his struggles can't go on forever. Or could they?

In his recent slump (2-for-35), he has taken hittable pitches and swung at pitches far out



THE SIXTH MAN
MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

of the strike zone, a sure sign of a slumping hitter.

Some point to benching Cobb as the best solution, but it would be hard to bench a career .300 hitter.

"If we had other people, we'd go with them," Schmitz said. "But, that's our guy."

Cobb started the season as the Panthers' cleanup hitter, but has fallen to No. 7 lately.

Schmitz said the Panthers are likely to keep Cobb in the seven hole, rather than moving him back to the four spot.

It's hard to bench a guy for struggling as mightily as Cobb has, but the Panthers have made the commitment to keep him in the lineup.

There has been talk of moving Ryan Campbell from third base to catcher full-time and

putting slick-fielding freshman Jordan Kreke to third base.

But Cobb is not a Bingo average hitter, even though he currently occupies the "O" spot on the card (.057) in his recent slump.

Eventually good hitters snap out of their slumps. Here's hoping the Panthers keep Cobb in the lineup and he can get back on track.

The only thing puzzling to me about Cobb is his home run numbers being down.

Coming off 12 home runs last season in 166 at-bats, he has struggled to maintain that power with only one home run in 114 at-bats.

Has Cobb lost some of his power? Only he can answer that question.

If the Panthers have any chance of moving up in the Ohio Valley Conference standings, they are going to need Cobb to come up in a big way.

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